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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title : TREATMENT FOR HEMORRHAGIC SHOCK

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed September 22, 2006, Applicants elect the invention of Group I and the species of (a) the treatment method of claim 1; (b) gaseous form of carbon monoxide; and (c) inhalation.

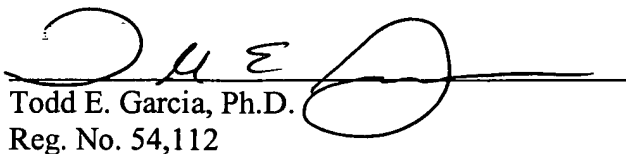
Applicants make this election with traverse. Applicants submit that the species election requirement is improper because no significant burden would be imposed by searching all of the treatment methods together. All of the methods include similar treatment steps. At the very least, Applicants submit that the treatment methods of claims 1 and 12 should properly be searched together, since the methods are closely related. No undue burden would be imposed by doing so.

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